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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE EDITORIAL ON RHODESIAN INCURSIONS

1. DAILY NOTICIAS OF JUNE 3 CARRIED RARE EDITORIAL AT-
TRIBUTED TO THE STATE MOZAMBIQUE NEWS AGENCY (AIM). THE
EDITORIAL BELITTLES THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE LATEST RHODESIAN RAID
AND NOTES THE WESTERN STATES' QUICK DISAPPROVAL OF THIS
INCURSION WITH GREAT SARCASM. WE BELIEVE THE EDITORIAL
REFLECTS MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENTS VIEWS OF LATEST RHODESIAN
MILITARY INCURSIONS INTO MOZAMBIQUE. FOLLOWING IS SYNOPSIS
OF EDITORIAL.

--FOR THE FIRST TIME THE CAPITALISTS COUNTRIES CONDEMNED
THE RACIST FORCES OF SMITH FOR THEIR IRRESPONSIBL AC-
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TIONS. HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT THE FIRST SUCH OCCURANCE.
NEITHER WAS IT AN OPERATION OF GREAT CONSEQUENCE, ALTHOUGH
RHODESIAN PROPAGANDA TRIED TO MAKE IT APPEAR SO. WHY
THEN THIS REACTION ON THE PART OF POWERS WHO TO DATE HAVE
IMPASSIVELY SAT BY DURING PREVIOUS CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS OF
THE FRONTIERS OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE. THE PRINCIPAL
FACTOR IN THE CHANGE OF ATTITUDE IS THE INCREASE OF IN-

TERNATIONAL PRESSURE, WHICH PROGRESSIVELY REDUCES THE MARGIN OF DIPLOMATIC MANEUVER FOR THE IMPERIALISTS.

--A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION DEMANDS THAT THE GREAT POWERS SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE INTERLOCUTORS AND THAT THEIR NEO-COLONIALISTS PROPOSALS BE GIVEN CREDIT AND LEGITIMACY. SMITH HAS SHOWN HIMSELF INCAPABLE OF ASSUMING THE PROPER ROLE IN THIS; HE DAILY IS BECOMING A REBEL EVEN AGAINST HIS PROTECTORS. HIS ACTIONS ARE RUINING THE GENERAL STRATEGY FOR IMPERIALIST HEGEMONY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HIS STRATEGY IS ONE OF DESPERATION. SO IN ORDER NOT TO LOSE ALL, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPERIALIST TO SACRIFICE THIS INCONVENIENT PEASANT.

--THROUGH DECLARATIONS AND CONDEMNATIONS THESE COUNTRIES HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REGENERATE THEIR IMAGE IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD. WHILE THEY APPEAR AS DEFENDERS OF THE INTEGRITY OF FRONTIERS OF SOVEREIGN NATIONS, HOWEVER, THEY CONTINUE TO FURNISH ARMS AND PETROL TO RACIST AND MINORITY REGIMES.

--SMITH WISHED TO APPEAR STRONG BY ATTACKING MOZAMBIQUE. HOWEVER, HIS TROOPS AVOIDED A DIRECT CONFRONTATION, CALLING A "HEROIC ACTION" WHAT IN FACT WAS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF NATURAL CONDITIONS OF A DISTRICT SUCH AS CHICUALACUALA WHICH, ALTHOUGH COMPRISING TWO-THIRDS OF THE AREA OF GAZA PROVINCE, HAS ONLY TWO PERCENT OF THE POPULATION THE INVADING FORCES WERE ONCE AGAIN DEFEATED, AND OPERATIONS SUCH AS THESE DESIGNED TO RAISE THE MORALE OF THE RACIST TROOPS WILL HAVE IN FACT THE OPPOSITE EFFECT. IN THE RACIST RANKS THE NUMBER OF DESERTERS AND THOSE WHO REFUSE TO FIGHT INCREASES. IN ORDER TO DEFEND HIS DESPERATE CAUSE SMITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAS TO TAKE RECOURSE TO HIRING MERCENARIES, CRIMINALS WITHOUT A COUNTRY, WHO KILL FOR MONEY.

--SALISBURY IS TRYING TO "MIX UP THE DICE" (CONFUSE THE ISSUE) BY PORTRAYING THE CONTRADICTION WHICH FACES THE REGIME (THE STRUGGLE OF THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE) AS A CONFLICT BETWEEN RHODESIAN AND MOZAMBIQUE.

--THE IMPERIALIST NEWS AGENCIES REPORTED THE AGGRESSION IN GAZA AS ANOTHER "OPERATION OF RETALIATION" AGAINST THE ZIMBABWE GUERRILLAS. THIS ARGUMENT, WHICH HAS COME TO BE ACCEPTED BY THEIR PATRONS, WAS NOT IN THIS INSTANT ACCEPTED BY THEM. THIS CONTRADICTION IN THE BREAST OF THE ENEMY REFLECTS THE POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC WEIGHT THAT THE NATIONALISTS HAVE ACQUIRED INTERNATIONALLY.

2. COMMENT: IN THE ABSENCE FROM MOZAMBIQUE OF MURADALI MAMADHUSEN, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION, THIS EDITORIAL PROBABLY HAD TO BE APPROVED BY INFORMATION MINISTER JORGE REBELO. IT MAY EVEN HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY HIM. THE ATTEMPT TO MINIMIZE THE RHODESIAN INCURSION SUGGESTS

TO US THAT THE GPRM IS NOT INTERESTED IN HAVING THE RAID
RAISED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT THIS TIME.
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